THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In some protected areas This problem is being experienced. The State Governments within whose jurisdic-tion the management of National Parks and Sanctuaries and maintenance of the law and order falls, are taking measures to tactic the situation. Assistance is being extended to them whenever asked for. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Ecodevet lopment in and around National Parks and Sanctuaries including Tiger Reserves is also'being implemented to reduce the dependence of the local people on the forests and improve their quality of living.

Setting up of Eco-Tribunal

2394. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV : WiU the Minister of, ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

, (a) whether Government propose to set up Bco-Tribunal as an effective measure to deal with pollution and related cases in tfee field of ecology;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal finalised and its present status;

(c) whether Government are aware of the reported criticism that the proposal Tribtmal leaves out pollution causing Go-'♦fcnwnent units as per the assigned scope of authority; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reac tion thereon and how the such units would be dealt with ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATO) : (a) to (d) A Bill to provide for strict liability for damages arising out of any accident occurring while handling hazardous substance and for the establishment of a National Environment Tribunal for effective and expeditious disposal of cases arising from such accident, with a siew to giving relief and compensation for damages to persons, .property and the en-vironment and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, has been introduced in Lok Sabha on 18th August, 1992. The power of exemption provided in the Rill in respect of certain categories, including government bodies/public sectors, is permissive and not automatic.

Demand for Ayurvedic Unani and Homoeopathic Doctors

2395. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Medical Council of India is of the opinion that the country has more than enough doctors and medical colleges;

(b) whether Government are aware that the country produces 18000 doctors a year while there is need for 40,000 doctors per year;

(c) if SO, whether Government propose to increase the number of doctors in Ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathic systems of medicines; and

(d) when this is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The President of the iMedioal Council of India is reported to have voiced this opinion in his personal capacity. This does not reflect the views of the Government.

(b) As per imformation available with the Government, the number of Allopa-thic medical graduates produced every year is between 11,000 and 13,000. The annual requirement of doctors has not been computed.

(c) and (d) There is no specific Central Scheme for increasing the number of seats in Indian System of Medicine ft Homoeopathy Colleges.

Separate Directorate on Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha

2396. SHRI KR1SHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been urged to set up an independent directorate for Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha systems of medicines; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : fa) and (b) A suggestion to this effect has been recently received. A number of organisations already exist for the Development of Indian Systems of Medicine. Therefore, no immediate action for setting up a Directorate is called for.

Notice against the activities of N.E.H.M.

2397 : SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad in its interim judgement dated the 9th May, 1992 in a Writ Petition has restrained the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from interfering in the working of N.E.H.M. of India, Janak Puri, New Delhi regarding promotion development and research of the new fifth medical science Electropathy;

(b) whether the Director, Health Services, Delhi Administration has issued any Public Notice on the 9th July, 1992 against the activities of the N.E.H.M. of India, New Delhi;

(c) if so, whether it is not a violation of the Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad dated the 29th October, 1991 and 29th May, 1992;

(A) whether the Director, Health Services, Delhi Administration consulted the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare before issuing this Notice; and

(e) if not, what action has been taken, by Government against the officer for humiliating an organisation which has been functioning for the last many years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The Allahabad High Court vide their order dated 29-5-92 restrained the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from interfering in N.E.H.M. of India's working for promotion, development and research in Electropathy system of medicine.

(b) to (e) The Director, Health Services, Delhi Administration issued a Public Notice cm 9-7-92 to warn the public regarding practising Electropathy/Electro Homoeopathy system of med'eine by virtue of holding degrees/diploma awarded by the institutions of this system of medicine, as the Electropathy/Electrohomoeopathy system of medicine has not been recognised by the Government of India or the Delhi Administration. The matter is subjudiee and pending before the Delhi High Court

Strike by Medical Students

2398. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in "Jansatta" Delhi dated 9th October, 1992 under headline "Medical Chhatro ki Hartal Khatam";

(b) if so, whether the names of six students have been struck off for not de-oositing college fees;

(c) whether it is a fact that students pay heir fees but never receive the receipt; and

(d) if so, the steps taken *to* enquire md allow students to join college as they lad paid the fees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY VELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Only one .student * who had not deposited the college fees was